GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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DEPLOYMENT OF ARMED FORCES FOR UN OPERATIONS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of armed forces deployed in different countries on the invitation of United Nations alongwith the period of their deployment;

(b) the process adopted and the international rules/treaties followed in this regard;

(c) the maximum tenure of deployment of such armed personnel in foreign countries under the banner of U.N.;

(d) whether all expenses incurred on the posting of such forces are borne by the U.N. itself; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) India has been contributing armed forces personnel to UN Peacekeeping Missions since 1950. Currently, 9132 Indian armed forces personnel are deployed in UN Peacekeeping Missions in Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, Ethiopia-Eritrea, Lebanon, Golan Heights and Ivory Coast.

(b) A UN Peacekeeping Mission is established after the UN Security Council adopts a Resolution authorising it. The UN deploys troops after a Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) is signed between the UN and the country concerned. Indian armed forces personnel are deployed in UN Peacekeeping Missions after the Government accepts the request made by the UN.

(c) The maximum tenure of deployment of such armed forces personnel is normally one year.

(d) & (e) Yes. All expenses incurred on the posting of such forces are borne by the United Nations, including transportation for induction and repatriation, overseas allowance, cost of contingent-owned equipment, personal clothing, medical, food and lodging.